

Local Watershed Stewardship Panel

Panel A

Sacramento River and Tributaries

Chris Leninger

Co-founded Deer Creek Watershed Conservancy and served as the first President of the organization. Instrumental in initiating and developing the California Rangeland Trust. Actively involved in watershed management planning and development from the grassroots level and worked with local, state and federal resource managers as well as conservation organizations to coordinate resource planning, projects and policy among public and private land managers.

John Icanberry, Fish and Wildlife Service - CVPIA

No biography available

Scott Downie, Department of Fish and Game

Worked in the construction industry for 25 years as a heavy equipment operator and project superintendent. Since 1981, engaged in salmon and steelhead restoration as a contractor, and since 1991 as a Fish Habitat Supervisor for the CA Department of Fish and Game based in the Eel and Mattole watersheds. Developed and written several protocols, plans, and other publications including the co-authorship of the Department's "California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual," and the "Eel River Action Plan."

Dennis Heiman, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Works with local watershed groups and reviewing project proposals and knowledge of Sacramento River watershed issues and water quality issues.

Russ Henley, Department of Forestry

No biography available

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Panel B
San Joaquin River/Tributaries/Others

Rick Breeze-Martin, Sierra Nevada Alliance Board Member
Central Sierra Watershed Coalition Board Member

Works with rural communities in strategic planning, implementation and program evaluation with Board of Directors of both public and nonprofit organizations. Also worked with numerous watershed groups and is a member of the Prop. 204 SWRCB Delta Tributary Watershed Advisory Committee.

Dale Hoffman-Floerke, Department of Water Resources

Environmental program manager for DWR, and the action team chairperson for the San Joaquin River Management Program, a consensus based approach to stem the degradation of the San Joaquin River Watershed. Worked on a number of technical panels including the SWRCB Delta Tributary Watershed Program. BA in Fisheries Biology with a minor in Water Quality.

Ed Cheslak, Ph.D., LFR Levine-Fricke

More than 26 years of experience in conducting, directing, analyzing, and evaluating applied ecological studies, experiments, and environmental assessments in streams, lakes, riparian corridors, wetlands, estuaries, and watersheds. Experience includes evaluating the effects of land use/management changes, nonpoint discharges, flow modifications, and habitat modifications on stream water quality, aquatic invertebrates, fisheries, wetland, and riparian communities. Also directed several watershed analysis and CEQA/NEPA documentation projects.

Sam Ziegler, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Works with local watershed groups and reviewing project proposals and knowledge of nonpoint source water quality issues.

Rhonda Reed, Department of Fish and Game

No biography available